

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN OPERATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, H.R. 3540, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

### APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on District of Columbia held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on the District of Columbia public school system, receiving testimony from Karen Shook, President, Jay Silberman, Member At Large, Franklin L. Smith, Superintendent of Schools, and Shelia Handy, Deputy Superintendent for Educational Accountability, Assessment, and Information, all of the District of Columbia Board of Education; and Christopher Cross, Council for Basic Education, Roberts Jones, National Alliance of Business, and Mark Root, Tech Corps, all of Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

### APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, receiving testimony from Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 983 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

### FEDERAL ASSISTED HOUSING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing Opportunity and Community Development concluded hearings on a proposal to restructure the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Federal Housing Administration insured and assisted multifamily housing portfolio that receives project-based rental assistance,

after receiving testimony from Nicolas Retsinas, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Housing/Federal Housing Commissioner; Patricia J. Payne, Maryland State Department of Housing and Community Development, Crownsville, Maryland, on behalf of the National Council of State Housing Agencies; John K. McIlwain, National Housing Conference, and Benson F. Roberts, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, both of Chevy Chase, Maryland; Eugene F. Ford, Mid-City Financial Corporation, and Michael Bodaken, National Housing Trust, both of Bethesda, Maryland; John J. Koelemij, Tallahassee, Florida, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders; and Billy Easton, New York State Tenants and Neighbors Coalition, Albany.

### FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee held hearings on proposals to improve the management and organization of Federal natural resources and environmental functions, receiving testimony from Senator Craig; Michael Gryszkowiec, Director of Planning and Reporting, and Charles S. Cotton, Assistant Director, and Chester Joy, Senior Evaluator, both of Energy, Resources and Science Issues, all of the Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, and Susan Irving, Associate Director, Budget Issues, Accounting Information Management Division, all of the General Accounting Office; Alan L. Dean, National Academy of Public Administration, Washington, D.C.; and Robert H. Nelson, University of Maryland, College Park, on behalf of the Competitive Enterprise Institute.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Arthur Gajarsa, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Joan B. Gottschall to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Robert L. Hinkle, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, Lawrence E. Kahn, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, Margaret M. Morrow, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Frank R. Zapata, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

**CHURCH BURNINGS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on the Federal response to recent incidents of church burnings in predominantly black churches across the South, after receiving testimony from Senators Faircloth and Kennedy; Deval L. Patrick, Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, Depart-

ment of Justice, and James E. Johnson, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement, Department of the Treasury, both on behalf of the National Church Arson Task Force; Mac Charles Jones, National Council of Churches, New York, New York; Ralph E. Reed, Jr., Christian Coalition, Chesapeake, Virginia; and Jonathan Monzan, Manning, South Carolina.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 24 public bills, H.R. 3730–3753; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 192–195, and H. Res. 468–470 were introduced. **Pages H7106–07**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 361, to provide authority to control exports (H. Rept. 104–605, Part II);

Report of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight entitled "Fraud and Abuse in Medicare and Medicaid: Stronger Enforcement and Better Management Could Save Billions (H. Rept. 104–641);

H.R. 3308, to amend title 10, United States Code, to limit the placement of United States forces under United Nations operational or tactical control (H. Rept. 104–642, Part I);

H.R. 2560, to provide for conveyances of certain lands in Alaska to Chickaloon-Moose Creek Native Association, Inc., Ninilchik Native Association, Inc., Seldovia Native Association, Inc., Tyonek Native Corporation, and Knikatu, Inc. under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, amended (H. Rept. 104–643);

H.R. 2670, to provide for the release of the rever-  
sionary interest held by the United States in certain property located in the Country of Iosco, Michigan, amended (H. Rept. 104–644);

H.R. 3387, to designate the Southern Piedmont Conservation Research Center located at 1420 Experimental Station Road in Watkinsville, Georgia, as the "J. Phil Campbell, Senior Natural Resource Conservation Center" (H. Rept. 104–645);

H.R. 2925, to modify the application of the anti-trust laws to health care provider networks that provide health care services (H. Rept. 104–646);

H.R. 3458, to increase, effective as of December 1, 1996, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans (H. Rept. 104–647);

H.R. 3643, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend through December 31, 1998, the period during which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is authorized to provide priority health care to certain veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange or who served in the Persian Gulf War and to make such authority permanent in the case of certain veterans exposed to ionizing radiation (H. Rept. 104–648);

H.R. 3673, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise and improve certain veterans programs and benefits, to authorize the American Battle Monuments Commission to enter into arrangements for the repair and long-term maintenance of war memorials for which the Commission assumes responsibility (H. Rept. 104–649);

H.R. 3674, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the causal relationship required between a veteran's service-connected disability and employment handicap for purposes of determining eligibility for training and rehabilitation assistance, to transfer certain educational assistance entitlements from the Post-Vietnam Era Educational Assistance Program to the Montgomery GI Bill (H. Rept. 104–650);

H.R. 3734, Welfare and Medicaid Reform Act (H. Rept. 104–651);

H.R. 248, Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 1996 (H. Rept. 104–652); and

H.R. 3665, Census of Agriculture Act of 1996 (H. Rept. 104–653). **Pages H7105–06**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein the appointed Representative White to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6975**

**Church Arson:** By unanimous consent agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3525, to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the Federal jurisdiction over offenses relating to damage to religious property—clearing the measure for the President.

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